



News from Braband:

Or, An Account of divers Passages at the Siege
of *Mons*.

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Yesterday the whole League of the Confederates did stand in a full Battallion at *Hall*, expecting that by His Majesty of *Great-Britain* they might be Rendezvouzed. 'Tis said His Majesty is expected to be here to-morrow in the League, and with the same to break up the next day following. There is great Courage, and more than ordinar Audacity to be seen, as well in all the Officers, as common Souldiers, every one of them being very Willing and Resolute to meet and stair the *French* in the face.

At *Mons* there is a very sharp Handling, for the Besieged within, have with their Canons made an unspeakable damage on the Enemies Batteries, of the which one is altogether rendred useles; and likewise, by their Outfall within two days did make a great ruine in the Enemies Works, and did kill a great number of the *French*, of the which, as it is said, there are many great and principal Courtiers, and with small or little loss returned again to the City.

The *French* King is very busie to block up and strengthen all the Passages whereby any Succour might be brought to the Town, and has strongly compassed them with Bulwarks and Pallisadoes. Yesterday the *French* with 18000 Men did Storm upon the great Horn-work, but they within did Defend themselves so Manfully, and Resisted the *French* so wisely, that the place did look rather like a Murdering than a Fencing place; and after the *French* had lost about 8 or 9000, were forc'd over Head over Tail to Run and Fly, leaving the Victory and Blessing to the Besieged. And after the Besieged had Obtained this blessed Victory, then several Hundreds of the Garison, with very many of the Burgesses and free young Men made a Sally out, and with great Courage, did fall on the Enemy at St. Peter's Mill, Beat out the Enemy, and recovered the Post, which they now possess.

Without doubt His Majesty of *Great-Britain* will be this day in this Town, for several of his Followers and Domesticks are already arrived here. The Governour of *Mons*, by a Missive to His Majesty of *Great-Britain* has signified Him, that the City is very well provided with all things necessary, and that the Courage of the Inhabitants is rather Augmented than Diminished, and that His Majesty needed not to be too hasty, for till 14 Days he stood in need of nothing.